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PRODUCTION OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of arecanut recorded in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the production of arecanut?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The total production of arecanut in the country during the last three years is given as under:-

YeaR	Production (`000 tonnes)
2003-04	417.50
2004-05	452.70
2005-06	483.10

(b): The Government is providing financial assistance to arecanut farmers for rejuvenation and rehabilitation of arecanut gardens, integrated pest management and conduct of awareness/ training programmes for improved management practices. The Government has also raised the import duty of arecanut from 35% to 100% during 2004 to encourage domestic production.